

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2025

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Enterprise, the Star News, posted in the three designated places in the Town and on the Town's website.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, at 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor, and Brian Gasser - 4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to move agenda item #14 "Town Roads" up to #13 before "Assessor's Plat(s) for Weast Park and Pleasant View Park Area", 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the agenda as amended, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – John Miller, N1484 O'Connor Road, was concerned about the condition of a portion of Van Ness Road that had been washed out last year and needs to be fixed because of safety issues for bikers and runners / walkers. The Lodi Optimists' "One Mother of a Run" is May 10th, 2025 and that is part of the route.

Copies of the March 13, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented the following report for the Treasurer Sharon Richmond: General Fund as of March 31, 2025 - \$544,159.10; Coronavirus Recovery Acct

(ARPA Funds with interest) - \$140,633.11; Park Fund - \$2,727.00; Savanna Oaks Park Fund - \$1,170.97; Historical Society is \$9,159.38; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$0.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of March.

Correspondence – The Open Book to discuss your property assessment with the Assessor will be held Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 10am to 4pm by phone. The Board of Review will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 4pm at the Town Hall. The Annual Town Meeting of the Elector's of West Point will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7pm. The Town received the draft minutes for the March 10, 2025 Lodi Area EMS Commission meeting. Columbia County Board of Adjustment approved a variance on March 12, 2025 Xan Johnson and Sheila Cross. Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission sent the Town minutes from their January 23, 2025 meeting. Guy Diske called the Clerk with concern of the condition of Jensen Drive.

The bills were reviewed by each Town Board member prior to the Town Board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2025 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated last Tuesday was the “ground breaking” for the rebuilding of the Columbia County Recycling Center and it should be up and running by November. Through the years Columbia County has acquired many small parcels because of foreclosures and other reasons and are in the process of listing them for sale.

John Miller, Sauk Ambulance Commission representative for West Point, asked the Town Board on guidance on the desired direction of the Sauk Prairie Ambulance. They are looking into switching to run as a “paramedic level service” instead of an “EMT level service” which they are currently. John Miller wanted to know if he should vote to keep researching it or to stop. It would cost the municipalities more to help fund, but they would be higher trained and able to handle more calls. The Town Board felt it would benefit the municipalities and to keep researching it and to check how much it would cost to “phase” it in.

Scott Hewitt, Grothman & Associates, presented a revision to the Amanda & Ryan Jensen CSM that was approved on November 14th, 2024 by the Town Board.

Columbia County suggested they keep parcels #438 and #441 separate. At the April 3rd, 2025 Plan Commission meeting a motion was approved to recommend to the Town Board to accept this new survey and approve the CSM dated 2/20/2025. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler that the Town Board approve the CSM as recommended by the Plan Commission, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town received a Conditional Use Permit for a Tourist Rooming House for Todd Stephenson and Kris Ramsden for their property at W12832 State Highway 188, Lodi, Parcel #11040-37.C. The Plan Commission met on April 3rd, 2025 and recommended approval with conditions. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to recommend to Columbia County approval of the CUP subject to the fifteen conditions suggested for consideration in the County Summary Report plus the following two additional conditions: 1. The applicant includes the #7 condition of the County’s Summary Report in their rental agreement; and 2. The applicant supplies proof of insurance covering the property for this use as a Tourist Rooming House, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously

“Proposal of Lowering Speed Limits on State Highway 188” was postponed.

The Town Engineer will be meeting the contractor for Slack Road at the site on April 16th to discuss what still needs to be completed. Slack Road is an LRIP project and the close out date for it is June 30, 2025 to receive the funding, so the Town needs to make sure it is finished and the final payment is made to Payne & Dolan.

The opening for the bids for Selwood Drive Road Project will be April 22, 2025. The project consists of milling off the pavement and correcting the soft areas, and pitching the culvert by the West Point Drive intersection in the correct direction.

The Town Board & Town Engineer will conduct a “road tour” to look at the condition of the roads on Wednesday April 30, 2025 starting at 2:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Town Engineer talked with Northwestern Stone and they will start the Juniper Drive project in May. The Town Engineer has not been about to connect with Columbia County Highway to see when they would be able to start the East Harmon Road project.

Scott Hewitt, Grothman & Associates, gave the Town and update on the progress of the Assessor’s Plat(s) for the Weast Park and Pleasant View Park area

that they have been working on. He stated he is waiting to hear back from Wisconsin Power & Light, after they revised the map putting in Outlots to hopefully satisfy concerns WP&L had. He felt the Assessor' Plat, that includes Outlots, is ready to submit and hold a public hearing, if WP&L does not have any concerns, but they have not been able to speak with anyone from WP&L. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to set a target date for the public hearing for May 15, 2025 if possible and for the "draft" Assessor Plat with the lot line between the Kramer & McCormick lots be as suggested by the Surveyor, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will contact the Town Attorney about the drafting the public hearing notice and how much notice time is required. Chad McCormick asked if they could put the piers in where they have put them previous years. The Town Board stated the Town does not regulate the piers and nothing has changed yet. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler that the Town Board ask the Town Chair with the Town Attorney to send a certified letter to WP&L with the public hearing date and invite them to attend the May meeting if they wish, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Brian Gasser reported they met on March 19, 2025. The Commission has asked the Fire Chief to have regular meeting with the EMS Chief and to have scene protocol documents. They had updates on the site for the new fire station and for the satellite station.

Sauk Fire District – Brian Gasser reported they met on March 19, 2025. They are starting to look at a pump truck to replace Engine 2; they are looking at four manufacturers and delivery times range from 2 to 4 years.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they held a meeting on April 7, 2025. The 2024 ambulance will be coming April 17, 2025 and then the decals will need to be put on it and it will be up and running. At the LAEMS meeting the Chief presented a request and information about ALS Response vehicles.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission met on April 3, 2025. They gave recommendations to the Town Board to approve the revised CSM for Jensen and the CUP for Stephenson. The Plan Commission also received an update from Steve Bodenschatz on the progress on the Crystal Lake Park project.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – Scott Earnest reported they met on April 3, 2025. They discussed the boat ramp at Pleasant View Park and did not see the need to fix anything there and did not notice any hazard at the boat ramp on Lake Drive. They talked about getting pricing for the replacement or fixing of the Town of West Point Ryan Park sign. The Committee will also investigate the cost of concrete curbing or “edging” of the landscaping around the Town Hall.

Resolution #2025-04-10 a resolution in support of reauthorization of State funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve Resolution #2025-4-10, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously. A copy of signed Resolution #2025-4-10 is attached to the minutes.

The Clerk will work with the Town Attorney to make sure the ordinance amendments are incorporated into the Code of Ordinances.

“Commission / Committee Appointments” was postponed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Commission / Committee Appointments, Assessor’s Plat, lowering speed limit for Highway 188, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to adjourn the April 10, 2025, Town Board meeting at 10:29pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-04-10

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR
KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for out door recreation. Per Ch. 23 .09 15(2c(d), Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2025. The program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and expand outdoor recreation for public and economic benefit around the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi and Lake Wisconsin area has benefited over the years having received \$3 million in Stewardship grant funds for 21 projects including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Okee Community Park, Spring Creek Fishery Areas, Lake Wisconsin boat launches, parking lot access and navigational aids; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point Town Board considers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitats, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based activities including hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, and other outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life; and

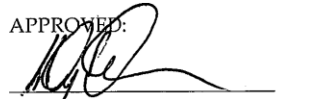
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of West Point Town Board to express its support to our State Legislators and the Governor, of the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 2025 to fully fund projects over the next 10 years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of West Point Town Board does hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request it be fully funded to support projects over the next 10-year period,

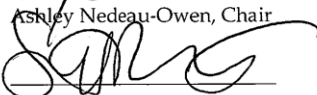
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Point Town Board directs the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

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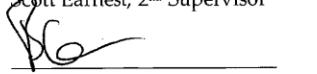
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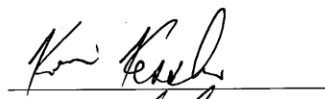
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair



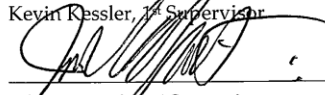
Scott Earnest, 2nd Supervisor



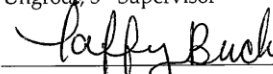
Brian Gasser, 4th Supervisor



Kevin Kessler, 1st Supervisor



John Ungrod, 3rd Supervisor

ATTEST: 

Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

Adopted: 4/10/25
Posted: 4/14/25